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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 7 through page 2, line 1 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figure 5, a conventional tool-holding apparatus 60 includes a board 62 and two rows of holders 64 formed on the board 62. Referring to Figure 6, each holder 64 is formed on a plain area 63 of the board 62. A concave area 65 is located next to each plain area 63. Each holder 64 includes a first section 66 extending from each plain area 63, a second section 68 extending from the first section 66, a third section 70 extending from the second section 68 and a stop 72 extending from the first section 66 opposite to the second section 68. A gap 74 exists between the third section 70 of each holder 64 and each plain area 63 of the board 62. A gap 76 exists between the first section 66 of each holder 64 and the third section 70 of the next holder 64. A spanner 100 is put in the gap 76 so that the spanner 100 presses the third section 70 towards the plain area 63. Hence, the spanner 100 is restrained by ~~means of~~ the stop 72 and the third section 70. However, the gap 76 is too narrow to encompass various sizes of spanners. Moreover, the gap 74 is too narrow to allow adequate pivotal movement of the third section 70 caused by ~~means of~~ insertion of the spanner 100. That is, the third section 70 is squeezed between the plain area 63 and the spanner 100. Thus, the third section 70 is deformed and might therefore be damaged. When subject to vibration, the spanner 100 can easily slide on and past the stop 72 and fall from the tool-holding apparatus 60.

Page 2, lines 3 and 4 have been amended as follows:

The present invention is therefore intended to obviate or at least alleviate the problems encountered in the prior art.

Page 2, lines 18-20 have been amended as follows:

Other ~~objects~~ objectives, advantages, and novel features of the invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description when taken in conjunction with the attached drawings.

Page 3, lines 1-3 have been amended as follows:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a spanner held by ~~means of~~ a tool-holding apparatus according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention.

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Page 3, line 23 through page 4, line 9 have been amended as follows:

Referring to ~~figure~~ **Figure** 3, each holder 30 is shaped like a curve. In specific, each holder 30 includes a first section 32 extending perpendicularly from the board 11, a second section 34 extending substantially perpendicularly from the first section 32, a third section 36 extending obliquely from the second section 34, a fourth section 38 extending obliquely from the third section 36 and a restraint 40 formed on the third section 36. An obtuse protrusion 42 extends from the restraint 40 of each holder 30. A concave area 44 is located next to the first section 32 of each holder 30. The concave area 44 includes a first facet 46 and a second facet 48. Between the fourth section 38 and the second facet 48 exists a gap 50 for receiving a spanner 20. The spanner 20 is pressed against the second facet 48 by ~~means of~~ the fourth section 38 and the restraint 40 and hooked by ~~means of~~ the obtuse protrusion 42 of the restraint 40.

Page 4, lines 17-22 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figure 4, when the tool-holding apparatus 10 is vibrated, the spanner 20 tends to slide upwardly towards the first section 32 of the next holder 30. The spanner 20 however cannot substantially slide since it is pressed against the facet 48 by ~~means of~~ the fourth section 38 and the restraint 40 and hooked by ~~means of~~ the obtuse protrusion 42 of the restraint 40.